

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session, and stands adjourned until 10:15 a.m., on Friday, February 19, 2021.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 106 public bills, H.R. 5, 1085–1189; 2 private bills, H.R. 1190–1191; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 17; and H. Res. 130–140, were introduced. **Pages H529–35**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H539–40**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Speaker announced her appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Beyer and Schweikert. **Page H517**

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment:** The Speaker announced her appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative McGovern, Co-Chair; and Representative Smith (NJ). **Pages H517–18**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Reappointment:** The Speaker announced her reappointment of the following Member to serve as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern. **Page H518**

**Senate Referral:** S. 35 was held at the desk.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H517.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

#### HOUSE WELLNESS AND OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE (OEA)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “House Wellness and Office of Employee Assistance (OEA)”. Testimony was heard from Paul Tewksbury, Director, Office of Employee Assistance, U.S. House of Representatives; and Bryan Weiss, Manager, House Wellness Center, U.S. House of Representatives.

#### UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S EVOLVING ROLES AND MISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Committee on Armed Services:* On February 17, 2021, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Update on the Department of Defense's Evolving Roles and Mission in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Robert G. Salesses, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Major General Jeff Taliaferro, U.S. Air Force, Vice Director for Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Major General Steven S. Nordhaus, U.S. Air Force, Director of Operations, National Guard Bureau.

**CONNECTING AMERICA: BROADBAND SOLUTIONS TO PANDEMIC PROBLEMS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* On February 17, 2021, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Connecting America: Broadband Solutions to Pandemic Problems”. Testimony was heard from Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent, Topeka Public Schools, Kansas; and public witnesses.

**A SMARTER INVESTMENT: PATHWAYS TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “A Smarter Investment: Pathways to a Clean Energy Future”. Testimony was heard from Daniel C. Camp III, Chairman, Beaver County Commissioners, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

**GAME STOPPED? WHO WINS AND LOSES WHEN SHORT SELLERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND RETAIL INVESTORS COLLIDE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Game Stopped? Who Wins and Loses When Short Sellers, Social Media, and Retail Investors Collide”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**H.R. 40: EXPLORING THE PATH TO REPARATIVE JUSTICE IN AMERICA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On February 17, 2021, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “H.R. 40: Exploring the Path to Reparative Justice in America”. Testimony was heard from Shirley N. Weber, Secretary, Office of the California Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

**THE SUPREME COURT’S SHADOW DOCKET**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Supreme Court’s Shadow Docket”. Testimony was heard from Loren L. AliKhan, Solicitor General, Washington, D.C.; and public witnesses.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted

its rules for the 117th Congress, as amended. The Staff Resolution was agreed to.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Free Tax Preparation Services During the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “COVID-19 and the Child Care Crisis”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Department of Veterans Affairs COVID-19 Response”, 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, business meeting on a Committee Resolution to establish procedures in contested election cases properly filed under the Federal Contested Election Act, and related matters, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “A Pathway for Peace in Afghanistan: Examining the Findings and Recommendations of the Afghanistan Study Group”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Science of COVID-19 Vaccines and Encouraging Vaccine Uptake”, 11 a.m., Webex.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:15 a.m., Friday, February 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11:30 a.m., Monday, February 22

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

## House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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